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**SOUTH MILWAUKEE MAN SENTENCED TO 100 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Steven M. Biskupic, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that yesterday, a South Milwaukee man was sentenced to 100 months in federal prison for distributing child pornography. The Honorable Rudolph T. Randa, Chief Judge of the United States District Court, imposed the 100-month sentence on Christopher Klatt, 22, who formerly resided in Burlington, WI, but is now from South Milwaukee. Chief Judge Randa also required that Klatt spend 10 years on supervised release following Klatt's term of imprisonment.

Klatt pled guilty in October 2007 to the distribution of child pornography. He acknowledged as a part of his plea that his crime involved hundreds of images and movie files depicting children engaged in a wide range of sexually-explicit conduct. These included images of prepubescent minors and material portraying sadistic or masochistic conduct. At the sentencing, Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Koenig described the brutal and sometimes horrific nature of the more than 1,000 images Klatt possessed and distributed, the damage done to the child victims, and the depth of the problem, stating, "Through the power of the Internet, such images are able to reach every corner of the nation and world, but only when people like [Christopher Klatt] pass them along."

The case stems from an investigation by the Cyber Crimes Task Force, which is comprised of law enforcement officers from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Milwaukee and Kenosha Police Departments. Assistance was also provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

According to United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic, "the Department of Justice has made the protection of our nation's children a top priority through Project Safe Childhood, and prosecutions such as this further that priority." He added: "The message from this case is that those involved in the receipt or distribution of child pornography will be prosecuted and will face real time in federal prison."

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